

The Weekly Ledger.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 23.

April Calendar.

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Tom Reed gets a quorum at St. Louis, he'll have to do his own counting.

All the visitors speak in the highest terms of Mexico as a live city and a horse center.

Mexico is full of strangers and visitors to the horse sale. The Clark & Potts sale and the Mexico Fair always bring the people to Mexico.

A wife has no business sewing for the heathen when her husband wears a heavy long-tailed coat in summer to avoid embarrassment.

The supreme court says William Taylor must hang for the murder of the Meeks and his family, April 30, and the people of Missouri are entering no vigorous protest.

Every laboring man should read Mr. Carlisle's Chicago address on the currency question. It was delivered to laboring men, at their request, and deals with a question in which the laboring men are vitally interested.

MAJ. McKINLEY has written a letter declaring that he is ignorant of the nature of the Y. M. I. Now if he frankly confesses that he is ignorant of the financial question he will greatly "clarify the atmosphere" in his vicinity.

The St. Louis Republic editorially says: The Populists of Boone County have declared against Bland. Bland happens to be honest and consistent. It is natural, therefore, for the deserters from the party of honesty and consistency to turn against him.

It is much to be grateful for that there is at least a Republican candidate for President for every day in week. The list is: Reed, Morton, Quay, McKinley, Bradley, Allison, Cullison, and if Manderson and Elkins are counted, there are enough for a baseball nine. The more the merrier, although some of the candidates don't seem to be merry.

The Mexico Populists nominated a portion of a county ticket and expect to finish it. The leaders also claim they will nominate a candidate for Congress. The best they can hope for is to get everything of them that is Democratic ticket. At the same time the only show that they have to secure the adoption of any of the principles enshrined in their platform is by the Democratic party.

MISOURI TEMPLARS MEET.

The Grand Commandery of the Knights in Session at Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., April 21.—The Masons throughout the State are in attendance at the meeting of the grand commandery of the Knights Templar of Missouri. This morning Leslie O'Rear of Marshall, right eminent grand commander, made an address. The following other officers are present: I. V. McMillan, of Maryville, right eminent deputy grand commander; John G. H. Monett, eminent grand generalissimo; M. Fred Bell, of Fulton, eminent grand captain general; the Rev. C. C. Woods, of Neosho, eminent grand senior warden; Reuben Barney, of Chillicothe, eminent grand treasurer; W. H. Mayo, of St. Louis, eminent grand standard bearer; J. F. Eaton, of Kansas City, eminent grand sword bearer; H. M. Brant, of St. Louis, grand sentinel; Right Eminent, John R. Parsons, of St. Louis, grand drill master and inspector, and Past Right Eminent Commander David W. Walker, of Independence. Several politicians are taking advantage of the occasion to further their interests.

All the commanderies of the State are represented except Weston and Canton. The number of members and visitors present is over 500. The commandery will elect new officers late this afternoon, and to-night there will be a number of initiations into the Mystic Shrine.

Taylor's Hearing Refused.
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 21.—Division No. 2 of the Supreme Court this morning refused to grant the Taylor brothers, convicted of the murder of the Meeks family and sentenced to be hanged at Carrollton on April 30, a rehearing of their case. A motion to transfer to court en banc was also overruled.

BUILDING THE SCAFFOLD.
CARROLLTON, Mo., April 21.—The news from Jefferson City this morning saying that the Supreme Court had refused the Taylor brothers a new hearing was not a surprise to the people here, as they expected it.

An attempt will be made to take the case to the United States Supreme Court.

Sheriff Stanley will not wait any longer, but is proceeding to build the scaffold. He has made arrangements with Sheriff Pratt of Palmyra to get the trap door open on the scaffold on which Nelson was hanged about six weeks ago.

Peculiar Death of E. C. Haywood.
SALISBURY, Mo., April 20.—News reached this city at a late hour this evening of the accidental killing of E. C. Haywood, who met death in a strange manner, about 10 miles north of this city to-day. He was driving home from a neighbor's, when a runaway team came up behind him, the pole of the wagon striking him in the back of the head, crushing the skull and killing him almost instantly. He was an influential citizen of Bee Branch Township, in this county.

To Be Addressed By Champ Clark.
COLUMBIA, Mo., April 17.—Ex-Congressman Champ Clark, of Bowling Green, has accepted the invitation of the senior law class of the State University to deliver the annual address before the law department on Monday, June 1. President W. R. Harper, of the University of Chicago, and Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, of New City, have also been invited to deliver addresses here during University commencement week.

At a Coroner's Inquest in Pinhook on the body of a man named Robinson, out of fourteen jurymen summoned twelve were named Smith, while the other two were Jones and Brown.

New Congressional Committee

MEETS AT ST. CHARLES AND DE CLARES CHAMP CLARK THE NOMINEE.

The Returns as Canvassed Show Large Gains Over 1894 for Mr. Clark—He Will Be the Next Congressman.

On Monday the Congressional Committee of this district met at St. Charles, declared the Hon. Champ Clark the nominee of the Democratic party, installed the new committee and adjourned. The new committee elected W. L. Crompton, of Montgomery City, chairman, and R. A. Pearson, of Louisiana, secretary. An adjournment was then taken, sine die.

Upon the convening of the committee all were found present either in person or by proxy. The returns were opened by Mr. Crompton, chairman, and showed that Clark had received between twelve thousand and thirteen thousand votes, although he had no opposition, and in only four out of the nine counties were there county primaries held in connection with the congressional primary. In these four counties Clark got a big vote, being about 1,500 in each county, the vote given him by the big counties in 1894. In Ralls he got many more votes than any Democratic ever polled in that gallant little stronghold. In 1894 he got 1,398. At that time he lost the ticket by 53. This time he got 2,050. This is a phenomenal gain. In Lincoln he got 2,422 as against 2,040 in 1894. This is a gain of 1,033 in these two counties. In Audrain he gained 281 and in Pike the increase was 248. In the other counties there was nothing to get the Democrats out, as it was a primary with but one candidate and that one without opposition.

After the vote was cast up and Clark declared the nominee, Hon. Thomas S. Cunningham arose and spoke for five minutes. Mr. Cunningham has been a member of the committee for two years and led the opposition to the District Primary. He spoke concerning the resolution passed at the St. Charles County Convention censuring the Congressional Committee for ordering the District Primary. He said: "I want to ask the members of this committee to carry home to their friends and neighbors the information that the resolution passed by the County Convention does not express the sentiments of the Democrats in this county, but only a very small portion of them that is the Democratic ticket. At the same time the only show that they have to secure the adoption of any of the principles enshrined in their platform is by the Democratic party."

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UNCLE SAM'S EXPENSES.

Appropriations Made by Congress Amount to \$505,027,405.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—The House Committee on Appropriations to-day reported to the House the general deficiency bill, the last of the regular appropriation bills for this session. The total amount carried by the bill is \$4,791,340. The principal deficiency for which it provides are: Treasury Department, \$1,074,000; District of Columbia, \$116,000; War Department, \$607,000; Navy Department, \$189,000; Interior Department, \$304,000; Department of Justice, \$251,000; Government Printing Office, \$190,000; House of Representatives, \$194,000; judgments Court of Claims, \$143,000; Indian depredation claims, \$40,000; audited claims, \$169,000; out of postal revenues, \$1,421,000.

In addition to this bill the urgent deficiency act passed early in the session carried \$3,305,436, making a total for deficiency of \$8,096,776.

The following is a list of the regular appropriation bills as they passed the House, with their amounts:

Agriculture, \$3,213,442; army, \$23,725,902; diplomatic and consular, \$1,630,000; District of Columbia, \$5,850,445; fortifications, \$5,828,237; Indian, \$8,420,445; legislative, \$2,821,380; Military Academy, \$48,117; navy, \$13,647,239; pensions, \$41,325,820; post-office, \$91,819,557; river and harbor, \$10,351,800; sundry civil, \$29,826,902.

In addition to these bills, two deficiency bills, miscellaneous bills carrying \$315,042 and regular annual appropriations amounting to \$11,054,100 have been passed by the House, making the total appropriations made by the House during this session \$505,027,405.

In the deficiency bill reported to-day there is a clause authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer to the City of Atlanta the buildings erected for the Government exhibit at the Columbian Exposition. There is an item of \$10,000 to be paid to the Italian Government for indemnity to the heirs of three of its subjects who were killed and two injured by mob violence in Colorado.

In making the appropriation for Indian depredation claims, the committee provided that none of the judgments be paid until the Attorney General has certified to the Secretary that he has caused to be examined evidence heretofore presented to the Court of Claims, and such other evidence as he shall be able to procure as to whether fraud has been practiced on the United States, or exorbitant sums allowed and finds no grounds to support a new trial.

ASTONISHING.

Babe With Two Heads, Four Arms and Four Legs Born in Ohio.

LOUIS, Ohio, April 19.—A most remarkable freak of nature has been born in this city to Mr. and Mrs. B. McPherson. It is a child, or rather two, having two heads, four legs, four arms and two complete and distinct physical organizations. One body is perfectly formed and apparently in no respect unusual. United to the chest and arms of the other child, which is nearly the size of the first, is another child, with well formed arms, legs and body. Its mouth, nose, ears, are well formed, and when the mouth is open it shows its tongue. Although the arms and limbs of the second child are correct in shape, they are partially drawn up toward the body, and do not possess the life indicated in the limbs of the main child. The latter takes nourishment, and its body performs all natural functions. The extra body as yet has eaten nothing. The babies' faces are in opposite directions, and unless the extra child is laid as to throw its face out and give it a chance to breathe the perfect child cries as in distress. Physicians are not yet satisfied whether the perfect child will supply its mate with nourishment, or whether it will be safe to perform a surgical operation to separate the two. Mrs. McPherson is 35 years old, and is the mother of five remarkably bright children.

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Carrying Power of the Bicycle.

A freight car weighing 30,000 pounds will sustain a weight of 80,000 pounds, and, drawn by a forty-ton locomotive, will travel over smooth rails at the rate of twenty miles an hour. A two-horse farm wagon weighing 1,200 pounds will carry 2,000 pounds over good roads, drawn by horses weighing 2,000 pounds in the aggregate and moving at the average rate of five miles an hour. But a 24-pound bicycle will carry a man weighing 175 pounds or more, and over a country road, with a minimum of effort, will move at the rate of ten miles an hour.

These figures are indicative of a new era in locomotion and serve to emphasize the wonderful results achieved by the pneumatic tire. A freight car carries twice its weight twenty miles in an hour; the bicycle carries seven times its weight ten miles in an hour. It is probable that, with weight, power and speed considered, nothing has ever been invented which presents such results in carrying and locomotive capacity as are shown by the bicycle. It is only the question as to whether the principle has reached its greatest perfection in the bicycle which suggests a limit to the accomplishment of the pneumatic tire and the ball-bearing. The minimum of weight and the minimum of friction seem to have been attained. Are these applicable to other than the tandem wheels which now are so universally necessary to both business and pleasure.

As compared with the ordinary wagon and the ordinary railroad car, the bicycle seems to present just now a most interesting suggestion to the constructors of vehicles of whatsoever character.

A LION ON THE RAMPAGE.

Big Nero Attacks and Fearfully Bites His Trainer.

COLUMBUS, O., April 21.—"Nero," a big lion in Sells Bros.' Circus and Menagerie, which is in winter quarters here, seriously injured his trainer in a sudden spell of viciousness. Charles Taylor, a young man who has traveled with Sells Bros. for some years, is Nero's valet. He was bought at a large sum by Sells Bros. from Hagenbeck's famous performing menagerie, which exhibited as one of the leading attractions on the Midway at the World's Fair. He is the animal who formed the top of the pyramid of lions in the Hagenbeck performance.

For some weeks Taylor has been training Nero for a wrestling act. Taylor wrestled the idea of having the lion wrestle with him, catch-as-catch-can.

One turn in the wrestling act had been completed, and Taylor was passing the lion for the next movement when the brute suddenly threw his head around and sunk his teeth into the boy's leg. The pain was terrible and the situation frightful, but Taylor did not for a second lose his nerve.

When doing these acts lion tamers invariably, if they have to do with beasts of uncertain temper, carry revolvers loaded with blank cartridges, which are heavily charged with powder.

Taylor got the gun from his pocket, and, putting it to Nero's head near the ear, fired in rapid succession five times while the big brute was tearing the flesh from the boy's leg. Bullets fired from a revolver would have had but little effect upon the king of beasts, but the noise and sting of the powder was more than he could stand, and he fled into a corner, where he cowered, bellowing with a noise that almost shook the building. Taylor meanwhile escaped through the sliding gate, despite the terrible condition of his leg.

A TORNADO IN OHIO.

Two Killed and Others Injured—Property Loss Extends Into Pennsylvania.

FREMONT, O., April 21.—A tornado, accompanied by heavy rainfall, swept over the northwestern part of Sandusky county about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, killing two persons, injuring others, and doing damage to property. The tornado came from the southwest, and after wrecking a road bridge and blowing a big tree across a Wheeling & Lake Erie freight train, destroyed the house of James Greene. Greene's aged father was killed, his wife fatally hurt, and the baby carried along the road in its cradle. The child escaped unhurt. Next the barn of Amos Hetrick, in which Hetrick and John Low were shearing sheep, was crushed. Low was blown across a field against a tree, being instantly killed. At Booktown, a hamlet near here, nearly all the buildings were destroyed.

Bargain Sale.

I will have my third semi-annual bargain sale of trimmed hats Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 7th, 8th and 9th. Those who have waited for my bargain sales in the past know what this means. I am prepared to give you better prices than ever before. I have new and stylish goods and from now on will make very close prices, but then the bottom goes out. Yours for bargains, d&wt P. W. HARDING.

Cuba's War Has Cost \$134,000,000.

The automaton newspaper, *La Union*, published at Havana, prints the following estimate of what the war in Cuba has cost in a single year:

War expenses \$ 60,000,000
Losses from the destruction of the sugar cane crop 50,000,000
Loss by the proprietors of 40,000 horses taken either by the patriots or the Spaniards 600,000
Cattle taken by the patriots 500,000
Small towns destroyed 3,000,000
Stores sacked 2,000,000
Destruction of country estates and other farms 5,000,000
Losses of capitalists in commercial importing business 10,000,000
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